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Mrs. Eleanor Lansing Dulles



Allen Dulles



John Foster Dulles

FOLLOWING A TRADITION

Two Dulles Brothers, Sister Long in Government Service

If someone were to ask which is the most influential family group in the State Department today, the answer inevitably must be John Foster and Allen Dulles and their sister, Eleanor.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was President Eisenhower's first political appointee. Allen has held the job of director of the Central Intelligence Agency since the President's inauguration in January, 1953.

Mrs. Eleanor Lansing Dulles, about whom most Americans know little or nothing, has worked in the State Department for the last 13 years as a political economist and career diplomat.

The diplomat Dulleses have many other things in common. All are studious, have written two or more books of a scholarly nature, and are vitally interested in government and law. Yet they are confirmed outdoors people during vacations, preferring swimming and other water sports.

All Outstanding Students

Top dog of the trio is John Foster. He is Eleanor's boss, and he uses Allen's intelligence reports as one of the bases for determining broad foreign policy lines. At 67, he is eight years older than Eleanor and five years older than Allen. Two sisters, Margaret and Nataline, have no connection with government service.

At Princeton University both Dulles boys were outstanding (Phi Beta Kappa) students. John Foster was valedictorian of his class. Later, he also finished first in his class at George Washington University Law School.

He had his first real taste of government service when he attended the Hague Convention in 1907. Ever since, he has been in and out of government and a private career in corporation law. He helped draft the United Nations charter in 1945, drafted the Japanese peace treaty, and he was a senator by appointment for a brief period.

Writes Book at Eight

Allen also became interested in international affairs early. At the ripe old age of eight, he penned a thin volume on the Boer War, lambasting the British for their part in it. After teaching a year in India, he entered the U. S. diplomatic service in 1916. He stuck with it until 1926, when he resigned to join the law firm in which John Foster was a partner.

Like his brother, however, he returned to government service—as a member of the Office of Strategic Services in the Second World War. He helped the OSS direct its cloak and dagger work, including sabotage and espionage,

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operating from Switzerland. Recently, as director of CIA, he was criticized by the Hoover Commission for getting bogged down in detail work and not giving enough time to policy matters.

Eleanor has a doctor of philosophy degree from Radcliffe and studied in the University of Paris and the London School of Economics. She has taught at several colleges. Her job today is special assistant to the director of the Office of German Affairs. Like her internationally known brothers, she often is preoccupied with weighty government problems.

Each of the State Department Dulseses is following in the tradition of famous relatives. Their maternal grandfather, John W. Foster, was secretary of state under Benjamin Harrison. An uncle, Robert Lansing, held the same post under Woodrow Wilson. All

have been interested in foreign affairs because of concern for Christian missionary work. Their father was a Presbyterian minister who served parishes in New York State.

John Foster has two sons and a daughter. One son became a Roman Catholic and is now a priest. Allen has two daughters and a son. His son, a marine corps lieutenant, was severely wounded in the Korean War. Eleanor, a widow who even during her marriage retained her maiden name, has a daughter and a son. Like his famous uncles, Eleanor's son plans to become a lawyer. He already has served as aid to three United States senators and the secretary of state.

There's no question but that the three Dulseses are doing what they were cut out to do by tradition and by training.